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## KILLED BY KICK OF HIS HORSE

Wesley Stuart Found Dead in His Father's Barn—Hit Above Heart and on Head

Wesley Stuart, 11 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stuart, three miles southwest of Mexico, was killed last Thursday morning by the kick of a horse. Wesley went to the barn to saddle the horse to ride to the mail box some distance away. When he did not return his brother went to see if anything were wrong when he found Wesley lying on the stable floor and life extinct. The horse did not like to be curried and the curry comb was found near, showing that Wesley had been trying to curry the animal. The horse's hoofs had struck him on the left side above the heart and just below his left temple.

There were ten children in the family and this was the first death. The other children are: Willard Stuart of Fort Collins, Colo.; Estel Stuart, St. Louis; Mrs. Theodore Miller, Burlington, Iowa; Mrs. Roy Jesse, Mexico; Winfield Stuart, Fort Collins, Colo.; James Stuart, Duluth, Minn., and Harold and Misses Wreatha and Francis, at home.

The funeral was held Sunday morning at Rising Sun church, north of Mexico, conducted by Rev. W. A. Shullenberger. The pall bearers were his boy friends—Ray and Roy Ritter, John Roney, Floy Dean, Clarence Jesse and Fletcher Powell. The family has the deep sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

### CUIVRE ITEMS.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Deichman, on July 30, a fine girl. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnston went to the Old Settlers' Reunion last Saturday at New Florence. Wm. Downs and family of Pine Bluff, Ark. arrived here last week for a visit with his mother. Mrs. W. W. Cornett. They all attended the Old Settlers' Reunion at New Florence Saturday.

West Cuivre Baptist church has been newly papered and painted, and new granite walks put down, which adds much to the appearance of the premises. On Monday, Aug. 10, 1914, all parties who are interested in the cemetery at West Cuivre are requested to come and help clean up the cemetery. The Ladies' Aid of Providence church had an ice cream supper August 1st. It was a success financially and quite a crowd out.

### Woodmen of The World.

A lodge of the Woodmen of the world has been organized in Mexico. There are 20 charter members. The officers are: H. W. Lindsey, council commander; Wm. Beadle, adviser lieutenant; Eugene Hape, escort; Roy McElhiney, clerk; Arthur Crowder, banker; John J. King, Jr., Sherman McElhiney and Geo. W. Parcells, managers.

Miss Lucy Jesse of this city has gone to Hendersonville, N. C., where she will teach in Fruitland Institute. Miss Jesse is one of Audrain's most progressive and popular teachers.

G. W. Nash, the Variety Store proprietor, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Mexico Hospital last week.

## Some Views and Interviews

J. W. Crane: Having a big revival meeting at Seed Tick church in my neighborhood. Bro. Ayseue is leading it. Bro. Rice, the pastor, is on the sick list. Rev. E. S. Gibbs of Mexico visited the meeting a day or two. There have been two conversions. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wilson invited the congregation to their home for dinner last Sunday. About 40 present, and what a great dinner that was. Bro. Ayseue is a "tar heel" and two tar heel friends of near Old Auxvasse church, Mr. and Mrs. Gritter, came 20 miles to hear him preach and were at the Wilson dinner.

Osburn, Mo. Since we moved from Mexico community we have been failing to get the good old Message. Here's a dollar, keep the paper coming.

John M. Young: I am farming near Santa Fe. I had 20 acres of wheat that averaged 36 bushels to the acre. Sold part of it to Pollock in Mexico at 70 cents a bushel and he said it was the best in quality that ever came to his mill. I had 3,000 bushels of oats. Sold 2,000 bushels to Judge Frank Vaughn at 35 cents a bushel. I have 200 acres of corn, part of it on the J. D. Bates place, that will make 35 bushels to the acre. Corn is good over toward Perry from me too.

Charlie Lucas: Mrs. Lucas and I are here today (Saturday) from Santa Fe. Yes, I'm over here quite often. Drive over to Molino and then catch the electric car. Say, what's going to become of this railroad proposition, anyway? Extend the road to Santa Fe, let us see the car coming in on its regular trips, and hear the gong ring, and our people will help with the building of the road. Isn't that good enough? Come on with the car.

J. R. Edwards: I have a fine garden this year. I raised two varieties of beans. The "Red Mexican Bean" was one variety. The pods are over 12 inches long this year, drouth or no drouth, and I have grown them with pods a yard long. You don't have to "stick" 'em; muleh them with straw and let them spread out over the ground. I use a surface plow for the garden, and it has proven a fine trick this season.

C. E. Worsham: I live on the old Mart Hubbard farm, north of Worcester, now owned by Frank A. Sannebeck of Mexico. I have been mining coal this summer. It was cool under the ground lately, even if it was hot out on top. My little four-year-old daughter, Christina, was thrown from a horse Wednesday of last week and her arm was broken. Dr. Will Botts of Santa Fe set the broken bone and the little one is getting along all right.

S. V. Stone: I am a little along in years but I enjoyed meeting with my Masonic brethren at the dedication of the new gymnasium at Hardin College last week. I live northeast of Martinsburg. My son, George Stone, lives near me, but is across the line in Montgomery county. Another son, A. Stone, lives on the J. E. Jesse place southwest of Mexico. How are my crops? Ah, I'll raise a good deal more than I did last year. I'll have plenty of feed this time.

R. A. Calhoun is reported very ill at the Mexico Hospital.

## THE NEW FLORENCE PICNIC

Everybody Gets Chicken Pie and Old Country Ham—Mrs. Million Makes Speech

New Florence, Mo. Aug. 1.—The Old Settlers' Reunion of Montgomery county attracted large crowds today from this and adjoining counties. Several State and county candidates were present.

State Auditor John P. Gordon, who is a prospective candidate for Governor, was the first speaker after suffragists had been given an hour to tell why women should vote. Gordon said that Missouri was in the best financial condition since the Civil War. He said that he had cut down the cost bills of the State about \$700,000 the last six years.

W. H. Wallace of Kansas City, candidate for United States Senator, made a speech in favor of equal suffrage and against saloons. Every brewer and every saloonkeeper in Missouri was against him in his efforts to defeat Senator W. J. Stone for reelection," he said.

"This is a fight," said Judge Wallace, "against the saloon and for the home, and if the saloon has more friends in this State than the home, then I cannot expect to be successful. There are about ninety counties in this State in the local-option column, and I therefore feel optimistic."

Mrs. Walter McN. Miller, president of the State Equal Rights Association, made a plea for equal suffrage.

"Missouri after November will be surrounded by suffrage States and her influence in national councils minimized unless the women get the vote," she said. "Ninety per cent of the men asked in twelve congressional districts signed initiative petitions."

Mrs. J. W. Million of Mexico, State recording secretary, also spoke. She made a pleasing and convincing address, saying in part:

"Over a hundred years ago our country started the biggest democracy in the world's history. We felt quite in the van of progress, but some of our states have rested on their laurels and fail to realize that they are dropping back toward the start."

"Many states and countries have extended the use of the ballot as a means of government to what you men so chivalrously call the better half of the people. All of Australia and New Zealand have for some years had full equal suffrage. The same is true of Finland, Norway and Ireland, while in Sweden, England and other nations, women have partial franchise."

"In our own country nine states grant full suffrage, twenty-seven partial suffrage, so that the sixteen states in which, as in Missouri, women have no vote, are giving their women less power than any country in the civilized world. This, we are sure, is not what the men of Missouri want, and we are therefore asking them to step into the van by voting yes on the thirteenth amendment in November."

Judge Blair, member of the State Supreme Court Commission, who is a candidate for Supreme Judge, was present, but declined an invitation to speak, saying that his opponents were not present and he, therefore, did

not wish to talk. Speaker Clark and Gov. Major sent regrets because of their inability to attend. Mrs. Mary Ann See, mother of the famous astronomer, Dr. Thomas Jefferson See, who is in her eighty-third year, was given the distinction of being the oldest settler on the grounds.

The report of the association showed that several of the old settlers had died since the last reunion. A feature was a big chicken and apple pie dinner spread on the ground.

State and county candidates were served free. The association is one of the oldest in the State, having met every year since its organization in 1882.

J. W. Morris won the old settlers' contest, with William Clark second.

E. E. Marlowe was elected president of the association, E. E. Allen secretary, and Jewett Ellis, treasurer.

### HIGH HILL DISTRICT

Mr. Rediger Sells Farm—School Opens—Mrs. Dalby Ill.

High Hill District, Mo., Aug. 3.—We need rain badly. Most people are compelled to feed their stock. Pastures are bare, corn is suffering and in some localities chintz bugs are killing it.

B. F. Puls and wife were in Mexico last Tuesday and B. F. attended the candidates' speaking at night.

John Rediger sold his 160 acre farm to M. S. Bush of Centralia at \$60 per acre. Mr. Rediger may not leave here, at least for some time.

Jesse Puls and wife and little Vivian visited at B. F. Puls' last Sunday. Joe Berry, our good road overseer, was here the past week working our roads. Mannie and Nellie Puls of Mexico were here latter part of last week visiting relatives. Grover Sims shipped cattle to St. Louis Monday.

School opened at High Hill Monday with Miss Mable Killgore, teacher. She comes well recommended. Her home is at Thompson.

W. H. Puls, formerly of High Hill, now of west of Centralia, has a new boy at his home. Quite a number of women from our district attended the Cooking School at Gant last week.

Mrs. Philip Dalby while attending the farmers' picnic at Gant Saturday was overcome with heat and had to be carried home.

Little Miss Mildred Barnes, Urma Shock, and Master Garard Spencer, visited at B. F. Puls' Friday.

Mrs. James Woolery is on the sick list, but is some better at this writing.

### Tall Timber in Audrain.

The Far and Near Man of the St. Louis Republic says:

Stalks of corn thirteen feet high are displayed at the Audrain County Farm Bureau in Mexico. Ralph and Jewell Bybee, boys who live near Molino, raised this tall corn timber. The corn is of the Boone County white variety. Assuming that both Ralph and Jewell are five feet tall, if one should stand on the other's head he could not reach the top of one of these stalks. Northern Missouri is hard to beat for corn.

J. F. Llewellyn, Government weather observer in this city, says that during the month of July there was a total rainfall here of 5.01 inches. That was more than twice the rainfall for the corresponding month of a year ago.

### FROM OKLAHOMA.

Mexico Man Tells About the Big Oil Wells.

Oglesby, Okla., July 27.—

Friend Beal:—Wish you had been with me some days ago.

I took a trip to the Cushing oil fields. Arriving at Cushing you find you are yet 10 miles from the field, but 75 autos and some few carriages are waiting to take you right out; \$2.00 for auto, \$1.00 carriage. Arriving at Drumright, which is near the oil and gas field, you find a booming town. Hotels, restaurants, cold drink stands, pool halls, in fact, everything that goes to make a booming town lively. It's not a big place, but 10,000 people get their mail at a small postoffice, and people and rigs so thick on main street one can hardly get along. It is just like a busy Saturday on Ringo Corner in Mexico, and you must get your bed before night if you intend to sleep inside. If you have a bank account you can get a room, otherwise get a cot, maybe in a room with 10 others. People coming and going all the time.

You see hundreds of teams hauling supplies to field—tank-stuff, tools, engines, lumber, etc. Out in the field you see a big sign—"\$50.00 fine to enter," but before you get there you know the reason, gas is so strong and spraying oil that you would spoil a suit of clothes very quickly, besides the danger to you otherwise. You hear gas roaring just like a locomotive popping off. Maybe you are two miles from some big well, or maybe one being drilled in. One well there is 63 million cubic feet strong.

Drilling in those wells is dangerous. They have accidents occasionally. One spark and maybe several lives gone. One lease I was on was running 3,000 barrels per day in the ditch, as they could not handle it in tanks.

The best oil well makes about 150 barrels per hour when they are first drilled in, and generally drop off a little after a month or two. One lease I was on is making a little over 20,000 barrels per day.

Nearly all rigs have their dynamo and make their own light, as no torch or gas light can be had after 1,500 feet, and then the drilling never stops till well is finished. Drilling rigs run night and day. Two men on tour change at noon and midnight.

Chas. Day.

Stoddard and Olmsted of Ohio, tree doctors, are in Mexico "fixing" trees. They doctored the maple in front of the Southern Bank. Took out the old "in-nards," scraping away the decay, administered oil and antiseptics and then filled the cavity with concrete and finished the job by putting several iron bolts thru the tree. Good shade now in those quarters for several summers. Sam Locke keeps those cushions at the side of the front door of the Bank and Wm. Keith and Wm. Frazier, et al, make free use of them. Lately the boys have been demanding ice water, as further accommodations, but Sam says that is the limit.

Misses Lottie Cornett and Bernice Smith were driving a horse last Thursday when it became unmanageable and started to run. Roy Neeley caught the bridle of the animal just as the buggy was about to tip over in a ditch. The young ladies got a scare but no hurts.

## THE HOME ECONOMIC INSTITUTE

Meeting at Gant a Great Success—Housewives Practice Scientific Cooking—Big Dinner Saturday

The Home Economics Institute held on the lawn at the home of Mrs. Beatty at Gant last week proved a great success. The meetings were under auspices of the South Wilson Township Farm Bureau, of which W. O. Smith is president and W. E. Edwards secretary.

Miss Eulalie Church of Columbia was in charge of the Institute and sessions were held every day last week up to Saturday. The housewives of the neighborhood interested themselves in the cooking tests. Everybody was pleased and Miss Church made many friends for herself and the work she is engaged in.

Saturday was given over to public speaking, social intercourse and a big free dinner to everybody—a picnic held on the Smith Brothers' farm. Over 500 people were present. Rev. J. D. Watson of Laddonia made a fine address, taking for his subject, "The Full Orbed Man." Rev. Watson is much interested in rural community work—work that will make farm life happier, and better. Mrs. S. P. Eamons of Mexico made a good speech favoring votes for women. J. Kelly Wright of the State Board of Agriculture also spoke, as also did Levi Winn, one of the live wires of Gant community.

### Additions to Church.

At the revival meeting recently held at Mt. Zion Baptist church at Molino 19 persons were added to the membership. Three of these were by letter—Mrs. R. Robinson, Mrs. Swift and Richard Baker. Those for baptisms were: Ray Willingham, Elbert Swift, John Bybee, R. L. Miller, Mrs. Richard Baker, Lillian Flynt, Frances Flynt, Marion Flynt, Ruth Bybee, Georgie and Rosie Eubanks, Myra Miller, Gladys Crump, Elva Swift, Stella Rouse and Francis Crigler.

Rev. Lyon of Kansas City assisted Rev. Grimmer in the meeting. Rev. Grimmer preached his last sermon as pastor at Mt. Zion last Sunday. He is an able young preacher and the congregation is loath to give him up.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Tineher of Northwest Mexico were absent from home last Wednesday night and at about 9:30 Wallace Fry and Jake Buckner were passing the house and discovered the roof of the kitchen to be on fire. Buckner cut his way into the house with a hatchet and Fry secured a 50 gallon hard can and carried water from the well and extinguished the flames. In a little time the house would have been destroyed. The fire caught from a defective flue.

Rev. A. E. Booth of Johnston City, Ill., the new pastor of the Mexico Baptist church, will preach his first sermon for his congregation here next Sunday.

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